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DECK WATCH

Official Newsletter of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron

A Unit of District 10, United States Power Squadrons (USPS) ~ America's Boating Club ~

USPS Mission is to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship and fun for our members.

May

8th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks - Waukesha Cruising Fleet, Muskego

11th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

15th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks - South Shore Yacht Club

15th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks - Lake Geneva Power Boat Club Lake Geneva

18th (Tue)—Squadron Members' Meeting & Safety Demonstrations, 6 p.m.
South Milwaukee Yacht Club
101 Marshall Ave., South Milwaukee, WI

22nd (Sat)—One Day Safe Boating Class,
Franklin Recreational Department
Franklin High School
8222 S. 51st Street, Franklin, WI

22nd (Sat)—Safety Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm
at the Children's Hospital located on the northwest corner of S. Moorland Road and W. Beloit Road in New Berlin, WI; **we need volunteers because the 1-Day America's Boating Course is being held also on that day!!**

22nd—28th—BOATING SAFETY WEEK
29th Vessel Safety Checks with USCG Auxiliary members at Port Washington

June

5th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks - McKinley Marina

8th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

12th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks at
South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

15th (Tue)—Squadron Camaraderie & Cookout;
U.S. Weather Service presentation, 6 p.m.
South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

July

13th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

20th (Tue)—Squadron Camaraderie
6 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

23rd-25th—District 10 Rendezvous, Bayfield, WI

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D10 SPRING CONFERENCE

The D10 Spring Conference was held March 19-21 in Madison, WI. It was attended by the following MSPS members: Kim Rutkowski, Mike Wiedel, Mel Fabiszak, Paul Langer, Ron Kraase, Ted Smyczek, John and Maryann Goetzman.



Stf/C Mike Wiedel, Cdr Kim Rutkowski, D/Lt Nancy Hamilton, and Chief Commander's Representative R/C Jeff Hamilton at D-10 Spring Conference.

The Conference delegates passed the following motions: All squadron treasurers will begin or continue to use Quick Books. The District will work towards total electronic communication regarding the D10 Communicator, and a change to the budget has been sent to committee.

Members of MSPS received the following Certificates of Appreciation: Gisela Murray for D10 Property Officer, Mike Wiedel for D10 Radio Tech, IT aide, and Chairman of the Rules Committee; Ron Kraase for his legislative work and Boating Law Representative; Ted Smyczek for Nominating Committee. The Squadron received the Journalism Award for The Deck Watch and a Certificate of Merit for 100% participation in the Educational Fund. Also the squadron achieved 3 stars status for our Civic, Educational, and Member Involvement accomplishment, as set by District, over the past year. P/C Mel Fabiszak, P was presented with the award.

The District is continuing to look at new and better forms of communication within the district without forgetting about the forms of communication in place now from print, mail, and phone trees; to Facebook, SailAngle, and different e-mail platforms.

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LIFE MEMBER

Gisela Murray was awarded Life Membership at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL this January.

She has earned 25 merit marks for her service to our organization. Gisela joined the MSPS in 1983. In 1990 she achieved the grade of SN. She has served in numerous positions at both the squadron and district level, including the offices of both Squadron Educational Officer and Asst District Educational Officer.



She has made a huge contribution to the squadron in her role as Safety Officer both for the articles she writes for the Deck Watch and her tireless efforts during Safety Week.

We in the squadron would like to personally thank you for all your hard work and contributions.

Thank you Gisela Murray.

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The United States Power Squadron is America's number one boating organization. If you would like information about membership, please contact: Ted Smyczek at 262-786-2599 or tmsmyczek@netzero.net

Please send questions, comments, Roster contact information updates/changes, opinions, photos, news, articles, story ideas, etc. to: Deckwatch@milwaukeepowersquadron.org

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

The MSPS has been asked to partner with the Coast Guard Aux this year in doing vessel safety checks.

Interested examiners should get in touch with Fran Paul VE chair.

The schedule of joint VEs are as follows:

- ♦ May 8th Waukesha Cruise Fleet in Muskego
- ♦ May 15th South Milwaukee Yacht Club
- ♦ May 15th Lake Geneva Power Boat Club Lake Geneva
- ♦ May 29th Port Washington. June 12th SSYC.



Chart your vacation course to Bayfield in July! The Duluth Sail and Power Squadron is hosting the D/10 summer rendezvous the weekend of July 23rd - 25th in the picturesque town of Bayfield. Check the D/10 website for more information

<http://www.usps-d10.org/conference.asp>

Lodging reservations for the rendezvous are to be made through the Bayfield Chamber website at www.Bayfield.org

BOATING SAFETY

Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear it!

As a new boating season is starting, how can you enjoy a safe summer of boating? There are many ways to insure your safety and the safety of your boat. The primary considerations should be the safety of the skipper and crew and of the children and guests on board.



The main causes of boating injuries and fatalities is capsizing and falls overboard, therefore life preservers should be worn by everyone on board.

When buying a life preserver for a child, be very careful that it fits well and has bright colors. Children easily fall overboard, it is important to be able to locate a child in the water as quickly as possible.

When choosing a life preserver look first for the label. Is it approved by the United States Coast Guard? There are many different kinds of jackets available for every boating activity. Today we have more choices than ever before. When choosing your own jacket make sure it fits well and is comfortable to wear at all times for maximum protection, and that it is designed for your kind of activities. For cooler days in spring or fall a warm jacket will keep you warm and dry, which will add greatly to your enjoyment.

For a lifejacket to work it must fit properly. If it is too loose or too big, the buoyancy of the jacket will push it up over your face. If the jacket is too small, it does not have enough buoyancy to keep you afloat.

Practice putting on your jacket. You will discover that time is required in order to put it on properly. In the confusion of an emergency, the amount of time required can decide the possibility of your survival. It takes only a split second to fall or be thrown overboard before you have time to put on your life preserver. Sailors can easily be knocked unconscious during the emergency.

Try to get into your lifejacket while in the water. You will see that the jacket floats and it is not easy to push it down and very difficult to get your arms into the slings. You must be quite athletic to be able to accomplish it. So make sure the jacket is on before you end up in the water.

You will enjoy a carefree boating season if you are prepared. Wear your preserver at all times when you are on board!



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P/Lt/C Gisela Murray, SN
Squadron Safety Officer



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Please note: If your address, phone number, or email address changes or you get a new boat, be sure to contact Ted Smyczek at (262) 786-2599.

SAFETY MEETING—MAY 18TH SOUTH MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB

Flare Shoot & Fire Extinguisher

Demo 6:00 PM * Dinner 7:00 PM

Cost \$15.00

Sliced roast beef & gravy/ Sliced chicken & gravy, Mashed potatoes, cole slaw, pasta salad, rolls, dessert



RSVP by May 12th to Mel Fabiszak 262.966.2743

JUNE MEETING—JUNE 15TH

SOUTH MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB TENT

Dinner 6:00 PM (optional)

Cost \$15.00



Amy Seeley from the National Weather Service will talk about:

- ♦ New National Weather Service weather products available to boaters
- ♦ Storms on the lakes and over land
- ♦ Lake Michigan Forecasts

Amy is a forecaster in the Weather Service Chicago Office. The office issues the Open Waters forecasts for Lake Michigan, the Nearshore forecast for Illinois and Indiana, as well as Special Marine Warnings for the lake. Amy is also very active in Maritime Organizations. She is a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, The United States Power Squadrons, and the International Shipmasters Association.

RSVP by June 10th to Mel Fabiszak @262.966.2743 or kimrutkowski@earthlink.net